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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-6-15

SUBJECT: FNM – FIRST JOINT TRAINING CONFERENCE OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLAND ORGANIZATION (APIO) AND THE AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKAN NATIVE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (AIANEAE)

Purpose. To provide information.

Expiration Date. June 30, 2006.

ACTION DUE BY: JUNE 9, 2006

The American Indian Alaska Native Employees Association (AIANEAE) and the Asian Pacific Islander Organization (APIO) joint Training Conference will be hosted in Anchorage, Alaska, August 14-18, 2006. It is the first time the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Employee's Associations will be joining forces to host a training conference!

Employees desiring to attend this conference should see attached bulletin; MN-360-5-38, subject: *NRCS Employees Participation in Outside Organizations* for the procedure to request participation in this event. To view the conference agenda, offered training, and opportunities to share State's successes in the poster session, please access either association's website: www.aianeae.com or www.apio.org.

Supervisors should ensure that employees request for STC approval for attendance are submitted and received at the state office no later than close of business June 7, 2006. Employees approved by the STC for attendance will be notified through their supervisors, and their names will be submitted on Form SCS-FNM-72, Meeting Attendance Approval by Bryan Welp, Budget Officer, by June 9, 2006, to NHQ for final approval.

An early registration fee of \$300.00 is available for those who register and pay before July 1, 2006. After July 1, the registration fee becomes \$380.00. Registration forms and conference information are available and can be printed from www.aianeae.com or www.apio.org website. A block of rooms has been reserved under the group code of "NRCS Employees' Associations" at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, 401 E. 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, at the rate of \$170.00 plus taxes per night through July 14, 2006. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 1-800-478-8700. Rooms will be released to the public after July 14, 2006.

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